

William Bundy to Head Foreign Affairs Journal

William P. Bundy, former assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, will be the next editor of the prestigious quarterly Foreign Affairs.

Bundy, who will assume the post in the fall of 1972, said in a telephone interview that he plans no changes in format in the quarterly, published in New York by the Council on Foreign Relations.

As editor, he will succeed Hamilton Fish Armstrong, who has held the post for 45 years.

What made Bundy decide to join the quarterly?

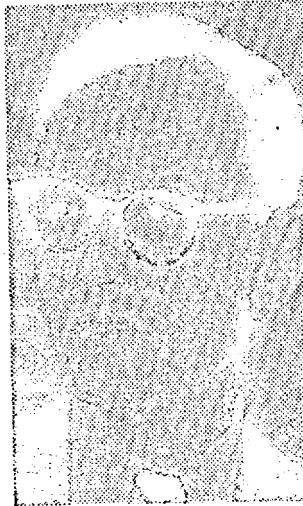
"Well, I've been in this field since 1951. I think I can present important and responsible views on the subject," he said.

Bundy, who was an architect of U.S. policy in Vietnam while he was at the State Department from 1964 to 1969, is now a senior research associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Working on Book

He said he is hard at work on a book about U.S. involvement in Vietnam which he described as a dispassionate history.

"I plan to tell the story as honestly and fully as it can be told. It will be more of a history than a personal reminiscence," he said.



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He said he dislikes reports that he has become more dovish on Vietnam.

"I dislike ornithological labels. The issues are too complex for this kind of labeling," Bundy said in the interview from his home at Cambridge, Mass.

He said he has always felt that America must disengage itself -- remove its presence from Vietnam.

America failed to learn from the French failure in Indochina, he said.